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SUBJECT: LANDSAT PHOTOS AND MAPS OF NEW NIGERIAN CAPITAL

REF: LAGOS 8608

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ERTS (LANDSAT) PHOTO GIVEN EMBASSY BY CDA CHAIRMAN AJOSE-ADEOGUN AND DESCRIBED PAR 2 REFTEL WAS OBTAINED BY DEPARTMENT (AF/W AND OES/APT/SA) FROM THE EROS DATA CENTER OF USGS IN SIOUX FALLS, S.D., AND PRESENTED BY AF/W TO THE CDA GROUP JUNE 24 (ALONG WITH LANDSAT IMAGE MAP OF WASHINGTON, D.C., AND JULY ISSUE OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE WHICH CONTAINS LANDSAT PHOTO MOSAIC MAP OF ENTIRE US) AS SOUVENIR OF US VISIT. THE PHOTO IS REPRESENTATIVE OF IMAGERY CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FROM THE EROS CENTER TO ANYONE WILLING TO PAY THE REQUIRED FEE.

2. VARIOUS VERSIONS OF THIS AND OTHER IMAGES OF NIGERIA

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WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN COURSE OF USGS ASSISTANCE TO

ECOLOGICAL SURVEY OF FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY (LAGOS 9352 AND PREVIOUS). LANDSAT IMAGES DO NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO PERMIT COMPILATION OF MAPS AT SCALE OF 1:50,000. PLANIMETRIC MAPS CAN BE COMPILED THROUGH PHOTOGRAPH ENLARGEMENT ONLY UP TO SCALE OF APPROXIMATELY 1:250,000. BY USING COMPUTERS TO EXTRACT SMALLEST DETAILS,

PLANIMETRIC MAPS OF 1:100,000 ARE SOMETIMES POSSIBLE, BUT COST RUNS ABOUT TEN TIMES HIGHER. SUCH WORK CAN BE DONE BY USGS OR BY COMMERCIAL FIRMS. IN ANY EVENT, LANDSAT IMAGES CANNOT BE USED TO COMPILE TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS BECAUSE OVERLAP ALMOST ALWAYS INADEQUATE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. FYI: ACCORDING USGS, DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY HAS AIR PHOTOS AND GROUND CONTROL INFORMATION FOR NIGERIA WHICH PERMITS PUBLICATION OF TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AT SCALE OF 1:250,000 OR LARGER. IN COURSE OF ECOLOGICAL STUDY, USGS WILL INFORM THE NIGERIANS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF REQUESTING CARTOGRAPHIC SERVICES OF DMA. END FYI. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

4. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE ERTS PHOTO, ITS ORIGINS, AND SIGNIFICANCE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED JUNE 24 WITH GEOLOGY PROFESSOR OYAWOYE OF UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN. CHAIRMAN AJOSE-ADEOGUN LOOKED AT THE PHOTO JUNE 24, BUT OF COURSE HE DOES NOT HAVE SAME PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AS OYAWOYE AND DOES NOT SHARE SAME APPRECIATION OF WHAT THE PHOTO REPRESENTS AND ITS LIMITATIONS. PERM SEC EBONG DID NOT SEE PHOTO JUNE 24 BECAUSE HE WAS INDISPOSED. SUGGEST EMBASSY ENLIST ASSISTANCE OF OYAWOYE AND/OR EBONG IN REPLYING TO AJOSE-ADEOGUN. IN ANY EVENT, FULL RANGE OF MAPPING POSSIBILITIES WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO CDA DURING ECOLOGICAL STUDY.

5. AF/W IS RETURNING PHOTO TO EMBASSY FOR REPRESENTATION TO CDA OR FOR RETENTION BY EMBASSY AS SOUVENIR OF THE CDA VISIT AND EXAMPLE OF CURRENTLY AVAILABLE US TECHNOLOGY.

6. FYI, JULY 16 ISSUE OF THE PARIS COMMERCIAL WEEKLY MARCHES TROPICAUX SAYS THAT A TEAM OF EXPERTS LED BY PROF. A. I. MABOGUNJE (UNIBADAN) WILL VERY SOON UNDERTAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AN ECOLOGICAL STUDY WHICH IS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND WHICH WILL CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE TERRITORY'S PRESENT INHABITANTS. END FYI. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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